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FOR: EDGE-LIT ILLUMINATION SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTHon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application in the manner set forth below, which are in compliance with amended rule CFR § 1.121.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 12.

Please add new claims 13-24.

13. (New) An edge-lit illumination system comprising:

a light transmitting sheet and a light source;

the light source being positioned in proximity to and adjacent to an edge of the light transmitting sheet, wherein at least one of two opposing surfaces of the light transmitting sheet carries markings, wherein the markings are disposed randomly within each of at least one nominal area of the at least one surface.

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